House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

HB 5686 (Lahti)

The bill would create a new act permitting a livestock owner to capture or kill a gray wolf preying on the owner's animals. Specifically, the owner of livestock (or the owner's designated agent) could remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal means to destroy a gray wolf "that is in the act of killing, wounding, or biting the owner's livestock." The bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate implementing rules.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 5686 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5686 was passed [RC 571: 105 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6021 (McDowell)

The bill would create a new act permitting dog owners to capture or kill gray wolves preying on their dogs (hunting or domesticated). Specifically, a dog owner (or designated agent) could remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, "use lethal means to destroy" a gray wolf that is in the act of preying upon the owner's dog.

- Committee substitute H-1 adopted
- HB 6021 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6021 was passed [RC 572: 104 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5651 (Condino)

The bill would add Part 179A (entitled "Massage Therapy") to the Public Health Code. The bill would establish license requirements, set license fees, create the Michigan Board of Massage Therapy, require continuing education courses, and provide exemptions from regulation under the bill.

- Committee substitute H-3 adopted
- HB 5651 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5651 was passed [RC 573: 79 yes, 25 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 6271 (Lindberg)

The bill (as reported) would amend Part 487 (Sport Fishing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to extend the season for spearing fish through the ice on inland waters of the state not otherwise closed to spearing. The current season is January and February. Under the bill, the season would run from December through the first two weeks of March. Fish allowed to be speared during this season are "carp, suckers, mullet, redhorse, sheepshead, lake trout, smelt, northern pike, muskellunge, whitefish, ciscoes, pilot fish or Menominee whitefish, sturgeon, catfish, bullheads, dogfish, and garpike." The bill moves the definitions of "dip net" and "hand net" to the definition section of Part 487 but would not change the definitions of those terms.

- Gillard-1 adopted
- HB 6271 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 6271 was passed [RC 574: 104 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 975 (Kahn)

Under the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act, a neighborhood enterprise zone must contain at least 10 platted parcels of land, and all the land within a zone must be compact and contiguous. Under Senate Bill 975, a NEZ located in a qualified downtown revitalization district could contain fewer than 10 platted parcels if the parcels together contained 10 or more facilities.

- Johnson-1 adopted
- SB 975 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 975 was passed [RC 575: 103 yes, 2 no]
- IE was ordered

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HR 393 (Brown)

A resolution to encourage the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to work cooperatively with property owners along the Great Lakes in their efforts to reasonably groom and maintain their beaches.

- Robertson substitute H-1 not adopted
- HR 393 was adopted

SCR 29 (Pappageorge)

A concurrent resolution relative to secondary road patrol funds for certain communities in Oakland and Wayne counties.

- SCR 29 was adopted
- Motion on suspension of Rule 42 was not adopted [RC 576: 57 yes, 48 no]